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XMAS DAY
CRIME

The Italians must pay dearly for their crime of bombing the women and children of undefended Corfu on Christmas Day, stated the Athens newspaper "Estia" yesterday.

The paper adds: "British airmen showed their truly civilised nature by dropping Christmas gifts from their aeroplanes for the children of Corfu."

"Hardly had the British gone, however, than the Italian assassins flew over to sow death and destruction among the children, who scarcely had time to enjoy the Christmas gifts."

"The Italians have already paid in some measure for their crime of Good Friday last year, when they invaded Albania, and for August 15, when they torpedoed the Greek cruiser Helle, and Divine Providence will surely inflict sterner punishment still for the crime of Christmas Day, 1940."

The paper adds that the Christmas casualties of Corfu now total 21 dead and 31 injured.—Reuter.

Greeks
Continue
Advance

Greek troops continued to advance on Thursday in both northern and central Albania, said an Athens despatch last night.

For the past two weeks, Italian resistance has been particularly strong in northern Albania, but it now seems that the Greeks have made a strong forward thrust towards the head of the road leading from Lake Ohrida to the important town of Elbasan in the centre.

The Greek central push is also in the direction of Elbasan.

Although transport difficulties, particularly those caused by the heavy snow, have retarded the Greek advance they are not sufficient to stop it.—Reuter.

JAPANESE ENVOY
TO PUPPETS

Mr. Kusunoki Munda, the new Japanese Ambassador to the Nanking regime, arrived in Nanking yesterday morning, says a Reuter message from Shanghai.

R.A.F. RESUMES
RAIDS ON
CONTINENT

The R.A.F. attacked several aerodromes in Brittany and shipping at Letreport on Thursday, states an Air Ministry communique issued in London.

A small force of bombers attacked the aerodrome at Bordeaux, and one British aircraft is missing.—Reuter.

PRINTERS
STRIKE IN
SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The mechanical staff of the well-known Shanghai "Shun Pao" struck work yesterday, following demands for additional high cost of living allowances.

The strikers displayed their demands on posters plastered on the walls of the building.—Our Own Correspondent.

R.A.F. SQUADRON'S
TRIUMPHS IN
WESTERN DESERT

THE REMARKABLE achievements of the R.A.F. squadron of eight-gun fighters is the subject of a bulletin issued from R.A.F. Middle East headquarters in Cairo yesterday.

Men from many parts of the Empire, including Rhodesia, British Columbia and India, compose the squadron, which in six and a half months of fighting has lost only three pilots by enemy action.

Yet the squadron has destroyed 51 aircraft for certain and has a considerable number of probable successes to its credit.

Careful checking shows that during the Western Desert blitzkrieg up to Christmas Eve this squadron destroyed 24 enemy aircraft and 12 probables.

Six in 15 Minutes

One flying officer, who was a secretary in Johannesburg before the war, destroyed four Condor 42's while another, hailing from Dintail, Rhodesia, has two Condor 42's and one 200 machine to his credit.

A Rhodesian pilot accounted for two Savoia 79's, while a flying officer from Jhansi recently destroyed six Condor 42's in 15 minutes.—Reuter.

"America May Find
Herself At War
With Germany"

ACCORDING TO A BERLIN MESSAGE RECEIVED IN NEW YORK THE GERMAN PRESS LAST NIGHT PUBLISHED A WARNING TO THE UNITED STATES THAT AMERICAN SHIPS WILL BE SUNK AND THE UNITED STATES MAY FIND HERSELF AT WAR IF CONGRESS AMENDS THE NEUTRALITY ACT TO ENABLE UNITED STATES SHIPS TO CALL AT IRISH PORTS.

The "Berliner Boersen Zeitung" (quoted by the official German radio last night) published a warning by Germany, which is apparently directed against the United States, that neutral ships entering the German blockade zone impose "both ships and crews to military operations."

The newspaper discusses a suggestion, which it alleged has been made to the United States Government, "that the Neutrality Act should be revised for the purpose of excluding Ireland from the prohibited war zone."

"This revision would enable American war material for Great

Britain to be conveyed to Eire and thence to Britain.

Careful Watch

"Germany is, of course, carefully watching all efforts to secure additional tonnage for Britain."

"No doubt whatever can exist regarding Germany's viewpoint."

"As reprisal for the British blockade, Germany declared a total blockade of Britain." — Reuter.

CANADA'S
HUGE WAR
EFFORT

Early in 1941 Canada expects to be turning out 360 aeroplanes a month.

This statement is made by the Hon. Mr. C. D. Howe, Canada's Minister of Munitions and Supply, in an article contributed to a special supplement of the London "Financial News."

Mr. Howe also writes that Canada's latest gun plant will be one of the largest and most modern in the British Empire.

Practically every type of shell used in the present war is being produced in Canada.

Orders placed by Canada for war purposes, he adds, total \$380,000,000.

The Dominion has 55 main air-ports while 26 secondary air-fields have orders in hand totalling 3,800 planes.—Reuter.

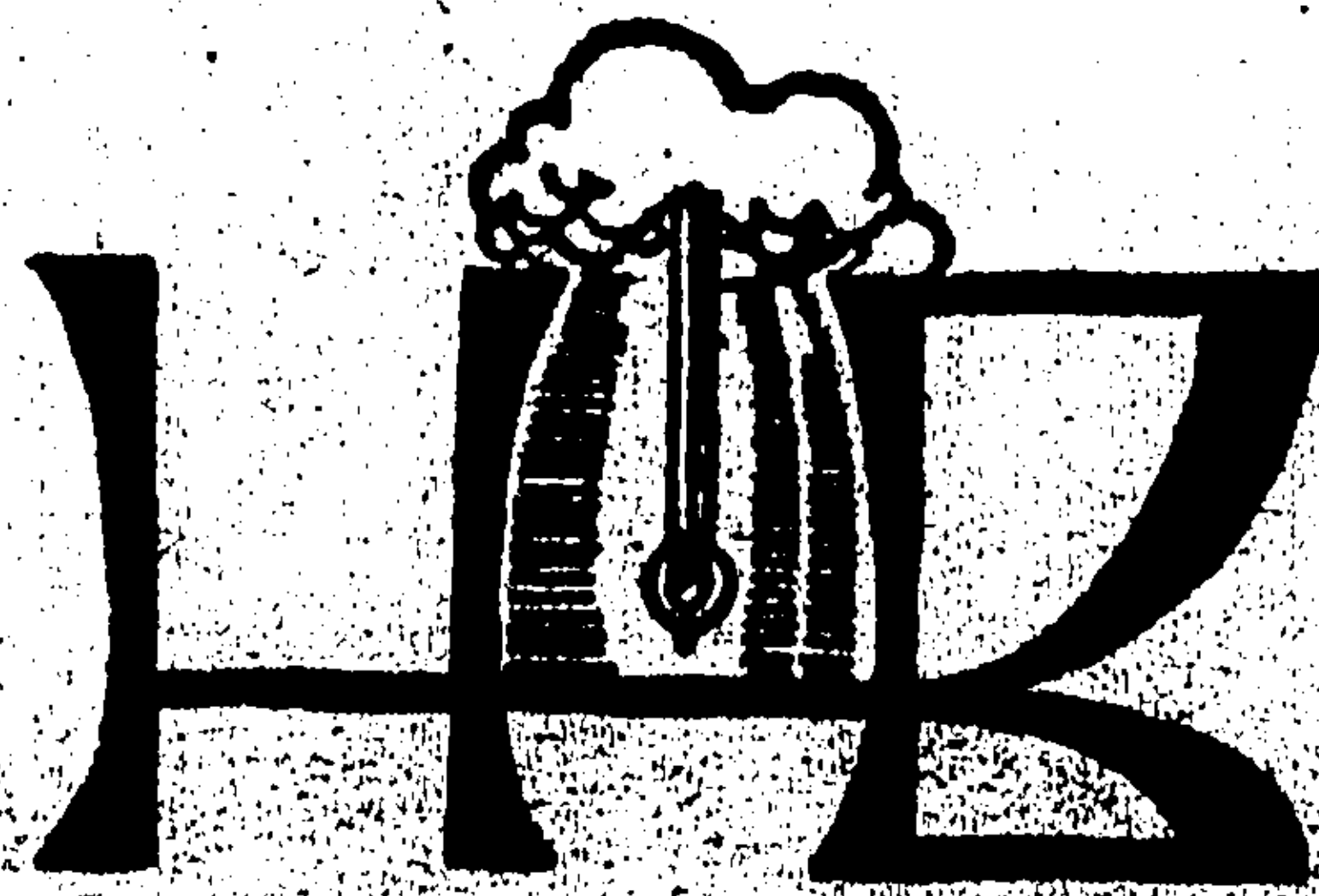
China's
Year Of
Victory

"1941 IS CHINA'S YEAR OF COUNTER-OFFENSIVE AND VICTORY," DECLARED THE CHINESE MILITARY SPOKESMAN TO THE PRESS IN CHUNGKING YESTERDAY.

General Chiang Kai-shek's army had increased to over 3,000,000, he said, of which over 1,000,000 were in "mobile units" while large numbers of recruits were now under training.

The Chinese army could now be better equipped than ever before, said the spokesman, owing to development of armament industries in the interior of China.—Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

British Bombs Falling On Le Havre "Like Manna"

Pulverising R.A.F. Raids On Vital Nazi Targets

A STATEMENT FROM LE HAVRE DESCRIBING ATTACKS ON DOCKS AND SHIPPING SPEAKS OF BRITISH BOMBERS HAVING BEEN CONSTANTLY OVER FOR A FORTNIGHT, AND SAYS IT WAS FAR WORSE THAN THE BOMBING BY THE GERMANS IN JUNE. ONE NIGHT PARTICULARLY IT WAS TERRIFIC AND THE INHABITANTS SPENT EIGHT HOURS SHELTERING FROM THE INCESSANT BOMBING.

500 FIGHTERS A DAY PROPOSAL

A recent proposal by the Committee of Industrial Organisation that the entire facilities of the American motor-car industry be pooled, in order to permit the production of 500 all-metal fighter planes daily within six months, is being seriously considered by the Administration, stated President Roosevelt at his press conference yesterday.—Reuter.

FRENCH DELEGATES IN TOKYO

THE FIRST FORMAL MEETING BETWEEN THE FRENCH AND JAPANESE TRADE DELEGATES WILL TAKE PLACE IN TOKYO TO-DAY AS THE FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. MATSUOKA, HAS INVITED THE DELEGATES TO LUNCHEON AT HIS OFFICIAL RESIDENCE. The French delegation is headed by the Ambassador, M. Charles Arsene Henri.—Reuter.

"Bombs were falling like manna. Fires spread to the hangars at Heroult and there was a gigantic conflagration lasting five hours. Now, as soon as night falls, the people all go to ground. Everyone goes, even German soldiers," the message declared.

Incidentally the French newspaper "Petit Journal" was suppressed for stating that 70,000 German troops had been withdrawn from Le Havre, that the Kleber Barracks were badly damaged and petrol dumps and an ammunition train destroyed.

The newspaper "Berliner Boersen Zeitung" recently stated that nearly 1,000,000 children have evacuated from bombed areas in Germany.

Another report says nearly everyone in Germany is astonished by the accuracy of British bombing.

In Berlin, the Moabit railway station, Hahlet station and railway lines and a tunnel at Stettiner station have been hit.

Coal Shortage In Berlin

One witness saw two big fires, one at a brewery and grain-store which lasted five hours, the other at a warehouse which lasted eight hours.

Two main streets were closed for several days. The Siemens Sthuckert works were badly damaged and there is now a marked shortage of coal in Berlin owing to railway dislocation in the Ruhr.

Considerable damage has undoubtedly been done to refineries and factories at Gelsenkirchen.

Hamburg Dead

At the great Politz oil refinery, near Siekin, a 3,000-horse power dynamo, petrol tanks, gasometer and pipeline to the harbour were damaged.

So great was the destruction when a factory at Hamm which produces a large proportion of Germany's welding electrodes was hit that production is said to have ceased entirely.

Enormous damage was caused to docks and warehouses at Hamburg, where it is reported there is virtually no movement of goods.

Entry into the area is said to be strictly forbidden.—Reuter.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

On Wednesday, January 1, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m.

There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. from the Branch Post Office at Stanley, Taiipo and Un Long.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.



SHOPPING BY ROPE AND PULLEY — A colony of Kent people who live in a huge underground tunnel which runs beneath the town, have their domestic supplies lowered 80 feet down the precipitous face of a disused quarry by an ingenious rope and pulley rigged up by an enterprising tradesman. It would take them at least half an hour to walk from their new home to the shops, so life is thus simplified for these families by this new method. The enterprising tradesman who rigged up the contraption is Mr. Robinson, much better known as "Ossie." Photo shows "Ossie" lowering the provisions to the cave-dwellers below. (Copyright, Fox).

DUCE'S DAUGHTER EDDA FIGHTS FOR PEACE

MUSSOLINI'S DAUGHTER Edda is causing a split in Fascist councils which may in the end affect the whole course of the war. Ribbentrop and Ciano, according to an Italian source in London, forced Mussolini into war against Britain in opposition to the advice of Edda, who has broken with her husband, Ciano, because of this.

Edda, like her mother and unlike her father, who is an avowed atheist, is a devout Catholic, and fully accepts the Pope's ruling that Bolshevism is the Anti-Christ at large.

When Hitler allied himself with Stalin she turned violently anti-German, and that is why, since Italy entered the war, she has withdrawn entirely from public life.

Donna Rachel, the Duce's dole wife, is siding with Edda, and they are trying to persuade the Duce that he should be on the side of Britain and religion.

Tug-Of-War

In this family tug-of-war the influence of the Vatican is on the side of the two women.

Edda and her mother hold a high place in the affection of the Italian people. Their opposition to the war, coupled with the successes of the British Navy and the R.A.F., may result in Mussolini asking the Vatican to mediate a separate peace.

A.A. GUNS GET A CHANCE

The fast-mounting "score" of our anti-aircraft gunners — they have now shot down over 200 German raiders — is putting fresh heart and enthusiasm into the men of A.A. batteries who have not had a chance to prove their mettle—or metal.

There are still large tracks of country which the German bombers have not yet penetrated in force. To the anti-aircraft batteries in those areas the war, until quite recently, was very much a "bore" war. At one Fighter Command air station in Scotland, for instance, the gunners have been "standing by" for nearly twelve months without even being offered a target. They had to spend their time rebuilding and reinforcing their gun-pits, and waiting.

Now they study the tactics, and the accumulating experience, of A.A. batteries in the much-failed south.

Proof that much of the experience of gunners who have been "standing by" in the north is now being put to use in the south is provided by an incident at a Scot-

tish air station in Fighter Command. Opening up recently on a single enemy bomber which flew high over the airport, the gunners "showed themselves in action" for the first time since the war began. Their aim was so good that the bomber was forced to turn back, and was eventually shot down by a night-fighter.



THE FRENCH DELEGATION TO LUNCHEON AT THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER, MR. MATSUOKA, IN TOKYO. (Copyright, Fox).

NEW BRITISH FINANCING

Fresh Issue Of National War Bonds On The Market

FIRST PILOTS UNDER EMPIRE AIR SCHEME

He said the Empire air scheme would mean the producing of a large number of determined and capable air crews of the finest type:—Reuter.

Large List From Which To Choose

NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR RAISING MONEY FOR WAR PURPOSES WERE ANNOUNCED BY SIR KINGSLEY WOOD, CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER, IN A BROADCAST SPEECH IN LONDON LAST NIGHT.

A new issue of a 2½ per cent. National War Bonds will be available for purchase beginning on January 2, while sale of the present issue of 2½ per cent. National War Bonds will cease on December 31.

In these cases, the minimum subscription would be £25 and maximum amount would be £1,000 to each type of bond.

BRITISH PLEDGE OF GOOD FAITH TO FRANCE

It is officially stated in London that Britain has not moved a single inch from the pledges given to France some months ago by Mr. Churchill.

NEW BOND ISSUE ATTRACTS

The life of the new 2½ per cent. National War Bonds is at least one year longer than the life of the existing issue.

The extra interest and payment which these involve should make the bonds attractive to investors.

The general demand on the part of the majority of smaller investors for a security with a medium length of life should be satisfied by the new 3 per cent Savings Bonds.

With a life of at least 15 years, these bonds should attract the savings of many sections of the public whose wages have risen as a result of the intensified industrial production which is part of the war effort.

These issues are the logical part of the campaign to reduce the spending of money for non-essential goods and to mobilise all resources for the successful prosecution of the war.

thinner had caused the damage. "When Jerry was shooting at me," explained the girl, "I remember feeling a sudden tug at my throat and felt as if something had slipped beneath my chin. But I thought no more about it."

"Unfortunately, I was wearing my best tie. In a moment of wild extravagance, I paid seven dollars for it."

Large List

Speaking of the success of efforts to provide money for victory, Sir Kingsley said that since November, 1939, a total of £1,269,000,000 had been raised — "a really wonderful result."

“Loans On Tap”

Thanking the public for their support in previous loans, he said: "I recognize that the fine financial contribution already made to our war effort has been made by your patriotism and your determination to see that our wonderful financial front holds firm and strong in the battle against a determined and unscrupulous enemy."

The needs, particularly for the best weapons for our men and all that modern war demands are, I think, clear to all. They are in fact imperative." — **Reuter.**

STOCK MARKET CONFIDENCE

The quietness of trading on the London Stock Exchange yesterday did not diminish the market's confident tone, and several sections continued to register small improvements. Gilt-edged ones especially hardened while home industrial and Egyptian commercial issues attracted fair buying. Dykes were generally higher, while Japanese bonds were better and other foreign issues were well held. Wall Street was quite steady. — Renter.



THEY'RE A.1 AT LLOYDS IN AN AIR RAID—When the air raid sirens sound the motto at Lloyds is "Carry On" and this they are able to do in a steel and concrete shelter 60 feet below ground. The 200 underwriters desert "The Room" above and take their place in the shelter with their names marked above them so that the Brokers may find them. It is possible to get a snack, buy cigarettes or even have a hair cut in this shelter and in spite of Hitler the 5,000 employees in Lloyds building quietly proceed with their work in safety. Photo shows a general view of brokers at work on improvised desks in the shelter. (Copyright, Fox).

After The War

These facilities will be extended to any part of the French Empire prepared to cooperate with the Allies in the war against Germany.

The British Government is resolved that the French Colonies remain in the hands of a restored France when victory is achieved.

Cooperation between the British and French Empire during and after the war will be of incalculable benefit to both.

Britain is resolved to do everything possible to tide them over their present difficult days when communications with the Mother Country are so hard.

Good Faith

Both Germany and Italy have stated claims against the French Empire, involving its dismemberment.

By contrast, the cooperation of the British Government is a sign of good faith and a natural development of the bonds which existed prior to the French armistice. —Reuter.

A KNOT UNRAVELLED

A Fleet Air Arm pilot operating with the Coastal Command pulled back the collar of his flying suit after returning from an attack on enemy shipping.

"What kind of tie is that you are wearing?" asked his Squadron Commander. "It seems to have disappeared."

The pilot put his hand to his neck and found that his silk tie was cut with two holes through the knot.

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GERMAN DESIGNS ON FRENCH FLEET SAID THWARTED

M. HENRI HAYE, Vichy Ambassador to Washington, is reported to have told Mr. Sumner Welles (U.S. Under-Secretary of State) that the dismissal of Laval has removed any danger that might have existed of the Island of Martinique being used by the Axis Powers as a base against the United States.

It is expected that more information about the situation at Vichy will be available after the new U.S. Ambassador, Rear-Admiral Leahy, has had time to draw up a report.

Admiral Leahy is now on his way to France in the U.S. cruiser Tuscaloosa.

It is thought that the appointment of this American naval officer as Ambassador will stand him in good stead in his relations with Admiral Darlan (Vichy Minister of Navy) who is becoming a prominent figure in the Petain Cabinet.

Darlan's Paris Visit

The future of the French Navy is almost as vital to the United States as it is to Britain, and Admiral Darlan is in a key-position. London circles point out.

Admiral Darlan returned on Thursday from a visit to Paris. It is suggested that while in Paris he saw Herr Abetz, the Nazi envoy to France, but this report has not yet been confirmed.

What is known is that on his return to Vichy, Admiral Darlan had a long conference with Marshal Petain and other members of the Cabinet.

African Move

It is thought likely that his visit was in connection with German demands for naval help from France, demands which have been keeping Vichy in a state of crisis for many days.

No definite clue is yet available, but there is some interest in an announcement by Radio Algiers that a considerable number of French naval personnel are being sent to North Africa on a holiday which is apparently to last for at least a whole year.

DANE'S £100 FROM HIS PAY

The master of a Danish steamer trading outside the enemy-occupied area of Europe is sending £5 a month towards a Spitfire.

He has handed the shipping company a cheque for £100, out of which he wishes the £5 a month to be paid.

"I should be glad if you could arrange for me to pay £5 per month of my wages to a good purpose, for famous Spitfires. I should be very glad to give this small help in the effort to get our mutual foe down."

The other day the captain of a torpedoed Norwegian ship handed the Norwegian consul in Newcastle a draft for £100 as a contribution from the crew to the Norwegian Spitfire Fund in London.

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In all the elaborate arrangements made this point has, it seems, been overlooked.

Take the case of Mr. A. E. Ramsey, a Londoner who lost everything he possessed in an air raid. For legal reasons it was necessary for him to obtain certificates of his marriage and birth certificates for himself, wife and two children.

"No Exception"

He wrote to Somerset House, who replied that they could make no exception in the case of air-raid losses.

The copies could be supplied only on payment of £1 5s. 5d. This point is of vital importance in connection with claims for old age and widows' pensions. It would be a small gesture for the authorities to make if they decided to forgo their fee in such circumstances.

It is possible that this step has been taken to get them away from the Germans. This report, together with M. Haye's assurance to Mr. Sumner Welles and the obvious irritation displayed by the German press, all suggest that German plans are being successfully thwarted. - Reuter.

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UNITED CANADA DISCOVERS NEW POWERS IN WAR

CANADIANS MEAN business in their war against aggression. On a 2,700-mile tour of military airports, factories, and camps from Hamilton to Halifax, a visiting group of American writers and publishers remarked most frequently on Canada's sturdy determination.

There is no doubt about how the Canadian people feel, judging from the uniform expressions of intention to see the war through. Factory workers, businessmen, English-speaking, French-speaking, military men of all grades, and governmental officers headed by Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King, all are digging in on the common job with vigour and good cheer.

More United Than Ever

Entering the second year of war at the side of Britain and other members of the British Commonwealth of Nations, Canadians unite ever more firmly in the conviction that their own freedom is bound up with that of the remaining free peoples on all continents.

Nor is this a conclusion imposed from London. Everywhere we went in Canada we were impressed with the attitude of independence. Canada has made its choice voluntarily. Seemingly remote from the scene of actual

hostilities when war began in Poland, Canada saw from the outset that free peoples would have to stand together, or face the prospect of subjugation one after another.

For the first nine months of war, Canada still felt relatively safe from invasion. The Dominion thought of itself as a supplier of war materials. Men would be sent as needed, but in those first months Britain held the pace of rearmament to a deliberate tempo.

A New Canada Is Born

All that changed with Germany's invasion of the Low Countries some four months ago, Canada suddenly found itself thrown on its own resources. Britain could not spare planes for training pilots nor machine tools for Canadian factories. Also, the rapidity of German advances made the Atlantic Ocean seem less wide.

Then it was that Canada took

sober second thought and decided on total war.

In the sequel, a new fighting Canada has been born.

No longer is Canada battling for Britain as though the struggle were limited to Europe. Britain is still regarded as the first line of defence not only for Canada but for all free people. But the Dominion has become conscious of the need to prepare for hemisphere defence. That has brought in a new policy of military co-operation with the United States.

Big Change In Quebec

Another change apparent especially in Quebec is the internal unification of Canada under stress of war conditions. Canada can now be said to have united completely for the first time in 20 years. Those familiar with 1914-1918 say that the present national upsurge already goes far beyond the former war effort.

Canada's industry, while only beginning to turn out the flow of military essentials that will pour forth in another year, has been transformed in four months. The slow-moving pace of pre-Blitzkrieg preparations, keyed closely to the British plan for a long war, has given way to a programme combining speed with endurance.

A profound change has come with the necessity of turning to the United States for tools and other productive equipment. Formerly Canadian guns and ammunition were modeled for interchange with British artillery, as well as small arms. All Canadian fighting was presumed to occur outside Canada. The same necessity continues, and Canada is steadily sending aviators and other fighters overseas.

But we saw the newer emphasis everywhere—on preparations for defending Canadian soil if need arises.

In this aim the United States looms large. Canadians are grateful—and no other word quite expresses their attitude—for evidences of American support. Our party arrived at Halifax when several of the transferred American destroyers had just been at sea on trial runs. The Canadians were delighted with them. On a visit to the ships we found them fully and well equipped, down to new typewriters!

The courtesies extended to our party lost nothing from Canada's wartime omission of formal dress and dispensable luxury. The Earl of Athlone, Governor General, and Princess Alice graciously received us at Ottawa. The Prime Minister entertained us at dinner. Canadian-American friendship, long a tradition, is deepening and broadening under world stresses.

Looks Ahead To Peace

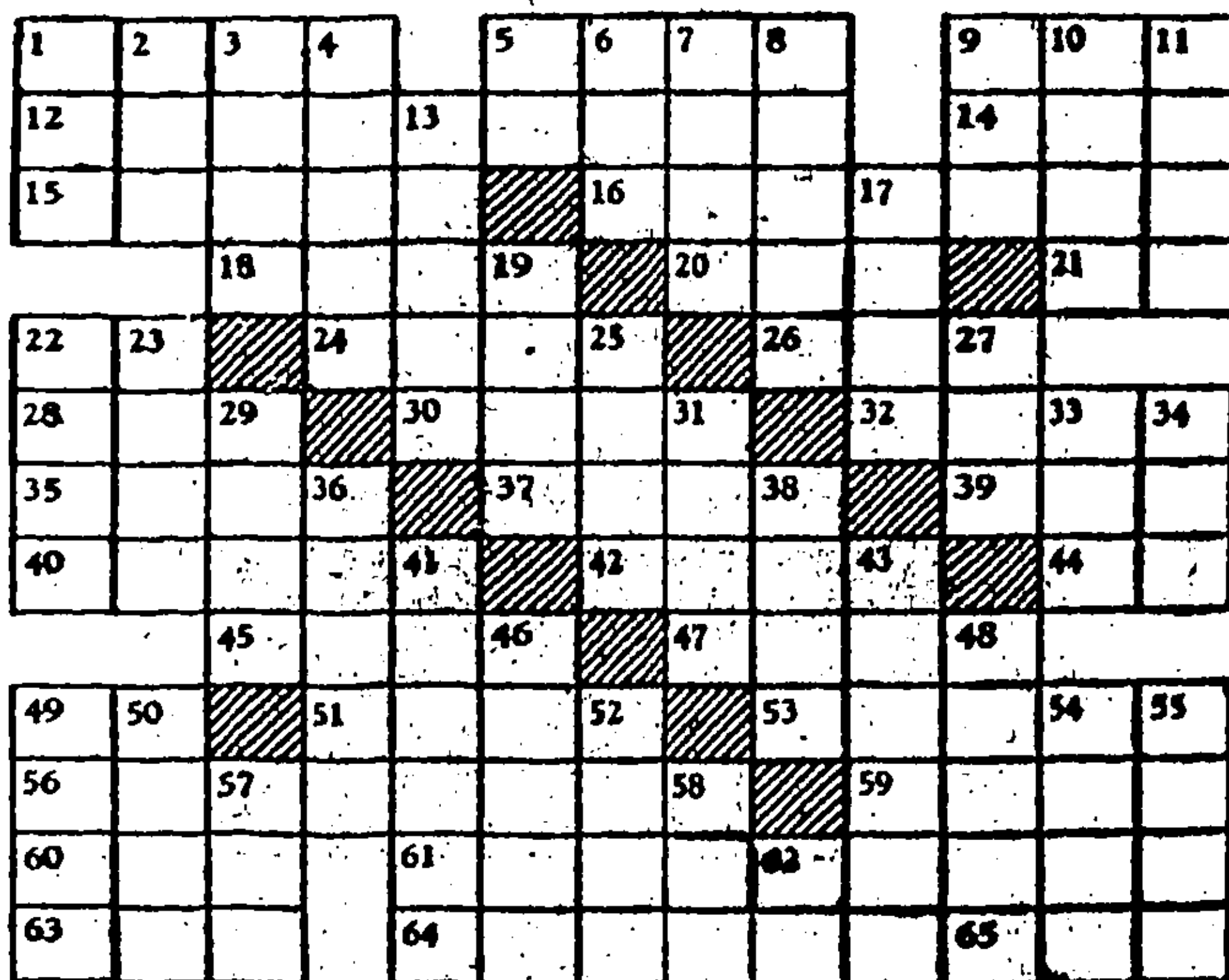
Within Canada, too, minor differences are disappearing in the common endeavour. We saw French Canadians and British Canadians drilling together, with instructions given in French, and then the commands barked out in English.

Realistic displays of modern warfare were staged for our benefit. At the air fields and air schools that are relied on to turn the tide of battle over England, we saw evidences that this is no idle dream. Canadians feel that their armies are among the best in the world, and impartial observers agree.

Canada is looking ahead to the peace. All of those 88 new airfields across the Dominion should stimulate commercial and private aviation.

Morale is excellent. In one munitions factory the workers were more than cheerful, they were happy, practically singing at their work. Victory is Canada's goal, a victory for human rights, and in that conviction no sacrifice is too great.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



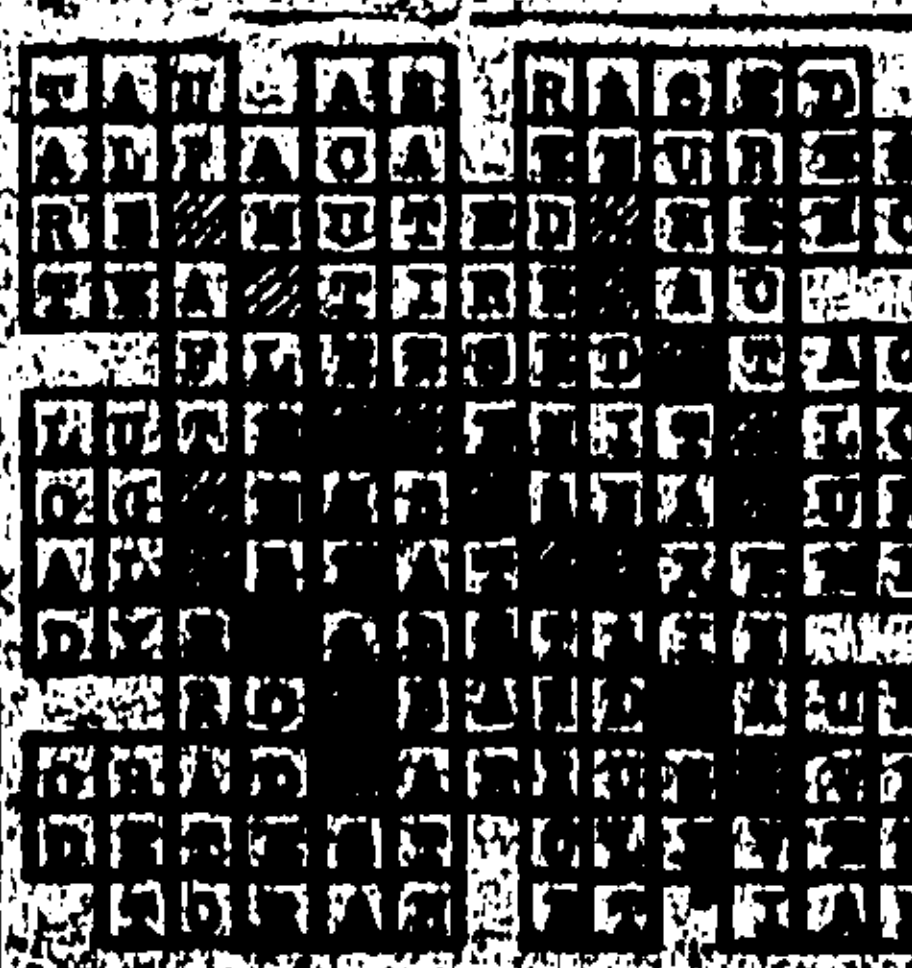
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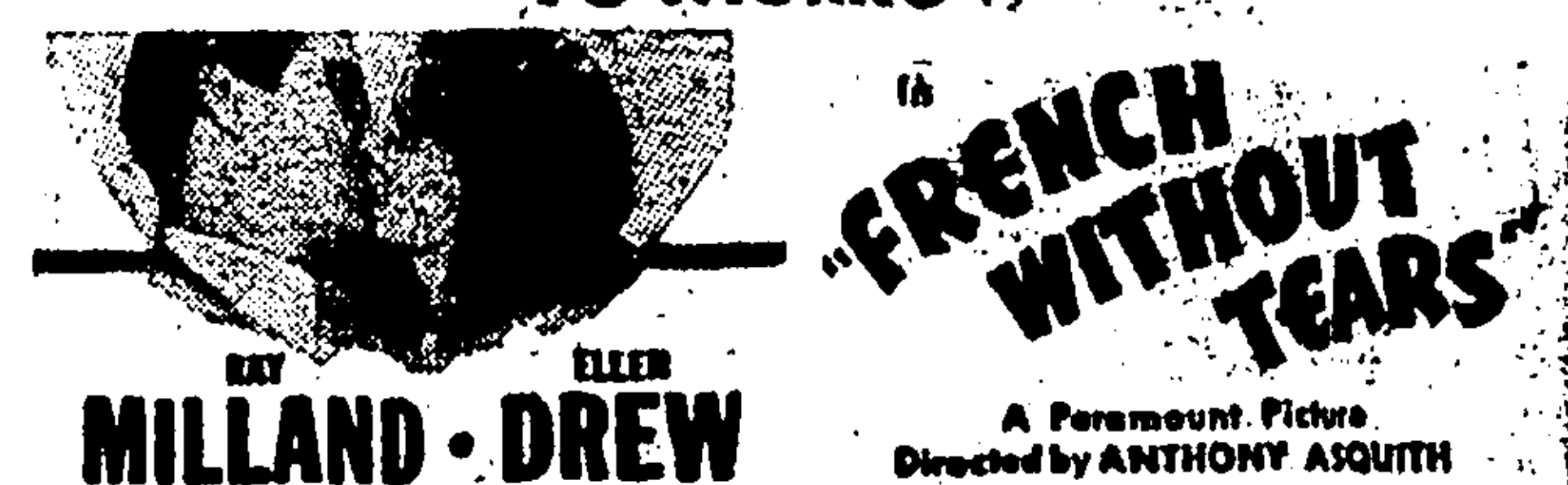
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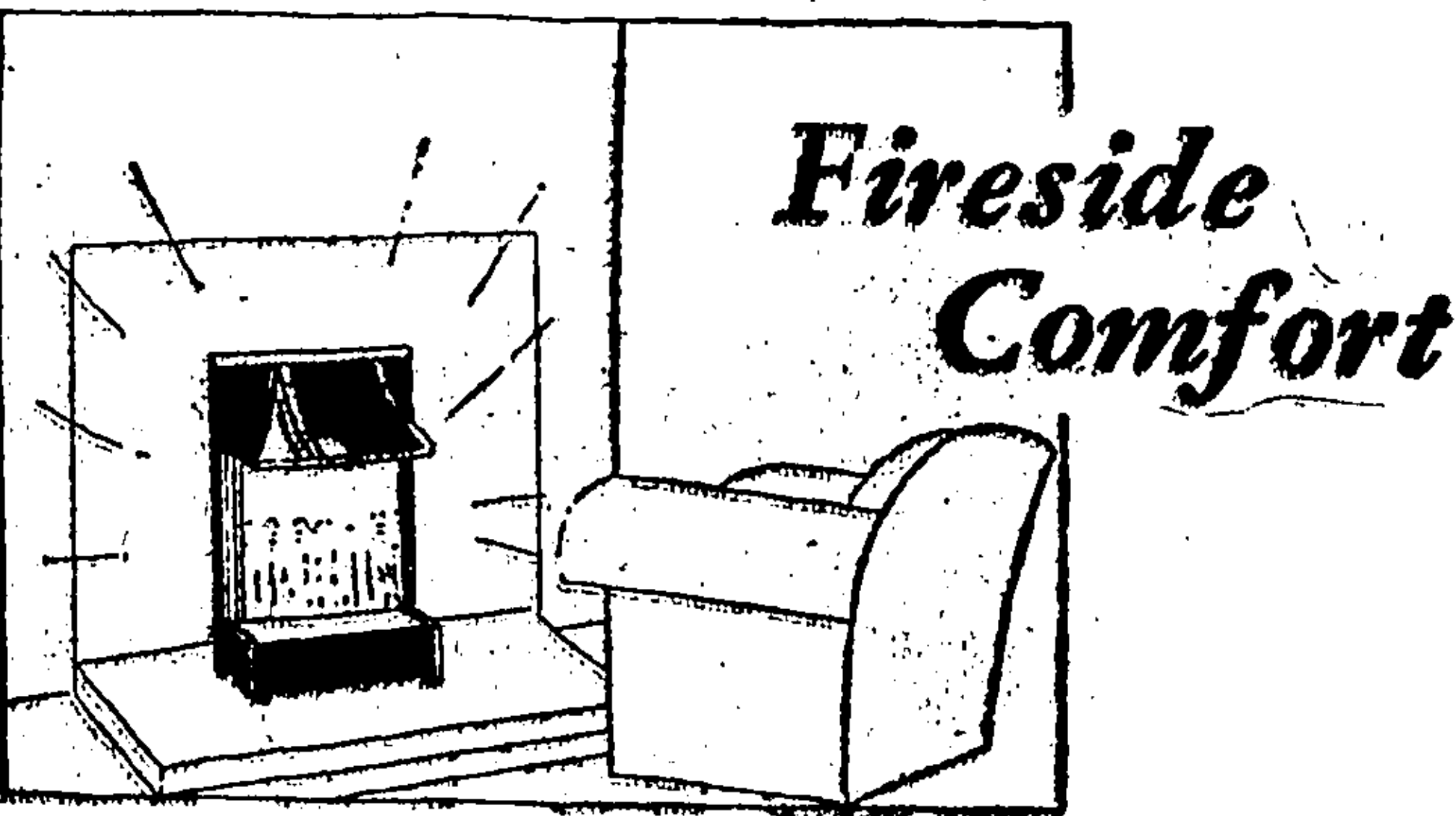
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TOO ILL TO FLEE BOMB THREAT

LONDON BABY FACES TWO DEATHS

THIS IS THE STORY of baby Marina, who was so near to death that the vibration from a bomb would have killed her.

So frail was the thread holding her to life that when a famous London hospital had to be evacuated Marina was the only patient who could not be moved.

Marina, who is three months old, has been in an oxygen tent for a fortnight suffering from pneumonia and a rare disease involving extreme weakness of the muscles.

"The least vibration would have caused her death," explained the Doctor.

"Even a change of temperature by carrying her gently out of the ward might have had the same result. So Marina was one patient that we couldn't evacuate."

"We made her oxygen tent as safe as we possibly could, and a nurse volunteered to remain at her side."

Doctors Carry On Operations

It was a night of agony for the hospital, but courage and devotion to duty triumphed.

First, a bomb fell at 3.30 a.m. on the medical students' quarters. There were a number of casualties, three requiring immediate operations.

While they were being taken to the hospital an unexploded bomb was found in a building adjoining the hospital.

A police official gave the order for the hospital to be evacuated without delay.

But the operations on the casualties could not be stopped. Doctors carried on, nurses volunteered to stay and help them.

Hot water was essential for the operations. The men in the boiler-house, though knowing that the bomb was liable to go off near them at any minute, stayed at their job.

It was six o'clock before all three operations were completed. Other casualties from the medical students' quarters were being given blood transfusions or having their wounds bound up.

Meanwhile, the work of evacuating the patients in the wards went on. They included the usual patients and a number of casualties from previous nights' raids.

First on the list were four mothers and their newly-born babies in the maternity ward.

All the telephones in the hospital had been put out of action—except one.

Bombed Driver Drove On

The resident medical officer got this to work and rang up the Emergency Medical Service.

Buses and ambulances were quickly on the scene, one driver carrying on to spite of a bomb that shattered his windows and slightly injured him.

After the mothers and babies had been moved to another hospital, it was the turn of the child patients; then a number of old, infirm and bed-ridden cases.

While waiting their turn for the buses and ambulances, the patients were given a cup of tea. The matron and her wonderful nurses had thought of that, too.

By eight o'clock the entire hospital had been evacuated—all, of course, except Marina.

Footnote: This hospital expects to be in full action again in a day or two.

WIVES DESERVE MEDALS, TOO

"It's all very well to praise the R.A.F. cables the 'New York Times' London correspondent, discussing the night 'Blitz' but the average housewife with her children in the country and a bed in the back garden is something of a heroine."

"People who live and work in the cities are having a hard time but they're still laughing about it."—Reuter.

WORRIED NAZIS IN PARIS

Troops' Changed Attitude

Neutrals who have recently arrived in Lisbon from Paris describe the attitude of the German troops of occupation as much changed during the past six weeks. Those who had business dealings with them at that time found them confident, if not arrogant.

Nowadays, say these neutral business people, they are visibly worried and by no means so self-confident. Fewer German officers and men are seen in Paris, the fact being that many walk out in mufti. Parisians never speak of "Les Allemands," but when referring to them in conversation always say "Ces Messieurs."

British males who had been interned in Fresnes prison have now been transferred to the former French infantry barracks at Saint Denis, just outside Paris.

They obtain relief through the American Embassy in Paris, where the British Relief Committee is established.

The Embassy, which is in charge of Mr. Maynard Barnes, a former Press attaché, is dealing manfully with the problem of assisting British subjects who, as well as Americans left in Paris, are worried about their homes and property.

SHORT SHRIFT FOR BOYS

The Italian Government has issued a decree ordering all boys to wear shorts up to their seventeenth birthday. They are forbidden to wear long trousers.

Official reasons for the order are that shorts are more elegant, that it saves material, and will stop the poorer classes envying the richer classes.

RICH NAZIS FLEE BERLIN

The flight of wealthy Germans with their wives and children from Berlin and other bombed German cities to Vienna is continuous.

Hotels and boarding-houses in Vienna are now crowded with refugees. Officials and S.S. leaders declare that they have come to Vienna only on Government or party business.

Berlin censors have allowed correspondents of Balkan newspapers to refer only vaguely to the terrific pounding of the German capital and other cities.

Anger over British air raids finds expression in Berlin newspapers. The British are denounced as hoodlums and gangsters, and their bombing of churches, hospitals and workers' homes is contrasted with the "chivalry" of the German air raiders, who it is claimed, are hitting non-military objects only by accident.

WARDENS' SOCIETY INAUGURATED

The inauguration of the Air Raid Wardens' Society of District "A" of the Upper Levels Division, took place in the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Bridges Street, last evening, Wing-Commander A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director of A.R.P., and Mr. G. A. Pentreath, Chief A. R. Warden for Hong Kong, being present.

"A duty which we should not neglect is that of imparting our knowledge as regards air raid precautions to the people. If at any time we should be called upon to serve, the fact that the people themselves have been prepared by us, will go far to ensure the success of our efforts," declared District Warden A. H. Steele-Perkins, Chairman of the Society, in an opening speech in which he pointed out the object of the Society.

Introduced by the Chairman, Wing-Commander Steele-Perkins made a short speech in which he said: "The fact that we have in these enlightened days to study A.R.P. is a most surprising and abhorrent thought; yet there is a saying 'out of evil comes good' and I am convinced, as all wardens can see, that the truth of this statement is being proved. It is up to us to see that it is proved." "Human life on this earth," he said, "is precious and should be guarded by many, especially those who should know better, as there is no other life."

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SINGLE TICKET

Fired by a conscientious desire to "see for himself," Dr. von Wedel, the official historian of the Luftwaffe, recently flew over England in a raiding Messerschmidt. As luck would have it, the machine, like Humpty Dumpty, had a great fall, with the result that the enterprising doctor is now languishing in a prison camp. There, presumably, he will profit by ample, if ignominious, leisure to ponder the personal, factual, and "moral" results of the blitzkrieg. He may even — who knows? — have further awkward experience of it if, as is expected, the aim of the German bombers becomes increasingly erratic as they are forced to ever higher altitudes. After all, a Nazi prisoner, however distinguished, is no more easily to be identified from a height of thirty thousand feet or so than a British Tommy or a humble civilian. Whatever may be argued on that point, it is quite clear that inspectorial visits of the kind ventured by Dr. von Wedel should not only be encouraged by the British authorities, but earnestly solicited. No inducement should be spared to convince the leaders of the Third Reich that frequent flights over "enemy territory" would be widely regarded with expectancy and approval. This especially applies to the "Big Four"—Hitler, Goering, Himmler, and Goebbels—to whom individually, or as a group, a warm, though perhaps not wholly disinterested, welcome could be promised — nay, assured. With this pernicious quartet safely behind wire, or (if the worst came to the best) the subjects of ungrudging ceremonial obsequies, a weight of woe would be lifted from a world they have too long afflicted.

THAILAND RAMPANT

The smouldering situation reported for some weeks on the Cambodian frontier shows no sign of betterment despite assurances on both sides of readiness for a peaceful settlement. There is a long-standing grievance in the hitherto peaceable little country—still best known as Siam—concerning territory on the Mekong River, transferred by treaty to France in 1907; and it may be conceded that, with the future of Indo-China apparently in the melting-pot, an assertion of the claims of Thailand to recover these lands is perhaps not unnatural or unduly. But

Mr. Churchill's Eyes On Far East

Before Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham left London for Singapore to assume the new post of Commander-in-Chief, Far East Command, he had lunch with the Prime Minister.

General Sir John Dill, the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Cyril Newall were also present.

The conversation turned of course, to the situation in the Far East. Mr. Churchill was in great form, full of confidence about the progress of the war against Germany and Italy and equally confident of Britain's ability to defend her interests in the Orient.

Air Chief Marshal Brooke-Popham described the luncheon party to me recently when he granted me an interview in Singapore.

"We Will Hold Singapore—"

The new Commander-in-Chief, Far East, said that Mr. Churchill showed the greatest possible interest in the work which he was about to take up in Singapore, and was extremely well informed on all aspects of the Far Eastern situation.

"Mr. Churchill seemed to have everything about the Far East as his finger tips," the Commander-in-Chief declared. "Although he is naturally preoccupied with events in Europe and in particular the Battle for Britain, he obviously devotes every minute he can spare to watching the Far East."

"Mr. Churchill knew all about Singapore. He told me that we would hold Singapore no matter what happened."

"He said that I could rest assured that there would be a continuous and steady flow of men and munitions to the countries within the area of my command and that no effort would be spared to make Singapore, the Malaya peninsula and all the other British countries of East Asia as strong and as well defended as was humanly possible."

"Yes, Mr. Churchill certainly has his eyes on Singapore and the Far East. You can be perfectly sure of that."

Air Chief Marshal Brooke-Popham described to me the work he had done on his way out to Singapore from England by air.

Talks in New Delhi

He stayed for a few days in New Delhi as the guest of the Viceroy and had discussions on

that is only the superficial origin of the present disturbance. There is reason to suspect that Thailand's enthusiastic new "protector," Japan, entirely approves the action, and the border clashes in Cambodia coincide in remarkable fashion with Japanese threats to occupy Camranh Bay and Saigon. Thailand will be quite unable to oppose any ultimate Japanese designs to make use of their country, and there cannot be overlooked the possibility of other Thai demands — most convenient for Japanese exploitation — for the return likewise to Thailand of territory in northern Malaya, ceded to Britain in 1909. No one outside Bangkok can credit that any valuable prizes in Cambodia would long remain in Thailand's hands, whatever success Thai troops might secure in "inspired" aggression.

his work as Commander-in-Chief, Far East, both with Lord Linlithgow and General Sir Robert Cassels, the Commander-in-Chief, India.

"I was in constant touch with General Cassels and Air Marshal Playfair during my stay in India," he said. "I discussed both army and air force problems in relation to the important role which India must play in Far Eastern defence."

Sir Robert mentioned that while in India he visited the Maharaja of Jodhpur, landing at the Maharaja's private aerodrome. The Maharaja is an enthusiastic aviator and Sir Robert and he discussed in

By A Special Correspondent

formally a number of questions regarding air warfare.

After leaving India, the new Far East Commander-in-Chief went to Rangoon where he spent three days as the guest of the Governor of Burma, Sir Archibald Cochrane. Burma comes directly within Sir Robert's new command and there were, consequently, many questions of special importance to consider.

Tour of Malaya

As an indication of the authority which he has to discuss with the Governors of the territories under his command questions which are not directly defence matters but which are concerned with defence, Sir Robert said he and the Governor of Burma cooperated in drawing up a document concerning a Burmese constitutional matter that had arisen as a result of his appointment as Commander-in-Chief, Far East.

Unity of Command

From Rangoon, Air Chief Marshal Brooke-Popham came on to Singapore and stayed for a few days with the Officer Administering the Government, Mr. S. W. Jones.

He quickly established his headquarters in Singapore and had talks with all the heads of the Services and leading civilian officials.

In company with the G.O.C., Malaya, Lt.-General L. V. Bond, the new Commander-in-Chief has just completed a tour of the defences of Singapore and Malaya. After inspecting the fortifications of Singapore, he went upcountry, travelling from Ipoh to Penang, and then on to Alor Star by road, visiting military and air force stations en route.

From Alor Star, where the A.O.C., Far East, Vice Marshal J. T. Babington also joined the party, he flew across the peninsula to the east coast to continue his inspection, eventually returning to Singapore by air down the east coast of Malaya from Kota Bharu. He has thus gained a rapid but exceptionally complete impression of the defences of this country and has met a large number of officers of all three Services.

Sir Robert then went on to outline the responsibilities of his new post and the scope of the work which has been allocated to him. Unity of command for the army and air force in Burma, Malaya and Hong Kong, he said, had become necessary especially because of the growing importance of the aeroplane in warfare.

"The development of air strategy," he said, "has altered our conception of defence requirements. Aeroplanes can move so fast and new dispositions can be made so quickly that it is now vitally necessary to have one command for an area which in the days before air warfare might very well be the concern of two or three separate commands."

New Departure

"I have control of the military and A.F. forces in Malaya,

Burma and Hong Kong, and my staff of eight is a composite staff of naval, army and air force officers. But because a man is an air officer that does not mean that he concerns himself only with R.A.F. questions, each man's special work depends on his personal talents and the requirements of my headquarters organisation."

"In some ways this is an entirely new departure in staff organisation. It is not so much a joint staff of representatives of the various Services as one single staff of officers some of whom happen to be naval men, some army men and some air force men."

"All the officers have had some experience of liaison work with the other Services and are able to speak the other man's language. There are no watertight compartments between the different Services in my staff."

"I have deputed certain officers to make a special study of various countries, so that if I want to know something about Burma, for example, I have the advice of the man whose job it is to specialise in the problems of that territory. But it is a flexible scheme, adaptable to a changing situation."

Australian and New Zealand Visit

The Commander-in-Chief is now visiting Hong Kong to inspect the defences of this Colony which comes under his command.

Later on, Sir Robert expects to visit Australia and perhaps New Zealand.

"Australia and New Zealand do not come within my command," he explained, "but those two countries are so vitally concerned with the situation in the Far East and the matters which come within my purview that it is only natural that I should want to meet the defence chiefs there and that they should be looking forward to an opportunity for discussing affairs with me."

"My instructions are to communicate direct with the governments of Australia and New Zealand on any matters of interest to them, and I shall certainly do so as and when the occasion arises. I can send either a personal letter or telegram to the Defence Minister in Canberra, for example, or send a formal communication."

"With regard to my communications with British representatives in non-British countries in the Far East, I shall keep in contact with our ambassadors in China and Japan, our minister in Bangkok and the British consuls-general in the various countries in the Far East."

Work in Malaya

Asked whether the statement, in the official communiqué announcing his appointment, that the Commander-in-Chief would also communicate with the British representatives in countries "in or concerned with the Far East," meant that he might make contact with the British Ambassador in the United States, Air Chief Marshal Brooke-Popham said that there had as yet been no occasion to do so, but if he felt it would be useful, he would certainly communicate direct with Washington.

The new Commander-in-Chief made it clear that his appointment did not mean that the responsibility of the Malaya Command for local defence had in any way been changed, and Lt.-General Bond, G.O.C. Malaya, said that would continue to deal with the Malaya Command's local matters.

"I might, however, be asked to approach the Malaya authorities on any matters which were especially important and as I have direct access to the Governor, I should certainly go and see him if there were any features of Malaya's war effort which I felt

might be usefully intensified or any other matter on which I considered representations were needed."

"Never Satisfied"

Turning to the Far Eastern situation generally, Air Chief Marshal Brooke-Popham said the good news from the war fronts certainly had a favourable effect on the position in other parts of the world, not least in the Far East.

"We must not assume, however," he said, "that because things are going well in Britain, or in Greece or in the Middle East, that we can rest even for a moment here in Malaya or in any other country."

"We must never rest; we must never be satisfied with our defence preparations. Our efforts to improve them still further, and to make them yet more complete, must never cease."

"I feel sure that Britain will continue to grow in strength in the Far East. We may expect reinforcements in men and material—a stronger army and a bigger air force."

"As you know a lot has already been done in this direction recently, but the trend will continue."

"I think that shows that the Imperial Government does not take in any way a narrow view of its responsibilities, nor do the people of Great Britain. It is realised on all sides that the British Commonwealth is one unit fighting a great struggle against an unscrupulous and powerful enemy, and it is also recognised that the war has world-wide repercussions. That is why events in the Far East are kept constantly under review in London."

"But we mustn't only depend on the Home Government or what other parts of the Empire can do. Each colony must look to its own problems and do everything that it can to assist. This applies as much to the local forces as to A.R.P. and internal security measures."

"If there is no internal weakness in any Colony, the task of imperial defence is made correspondingly easier. Malaya, for example, can help a great deal by making its own war effort complete and entirely adequate for all circumstances."

Air Chief Marshal Brooke-Popham asserted that from what he had seen of Malaya he concluded that the defence forces would be able to put up a very good show if the need arose. The difficulties for a would-be invader were formidable, he pointed out. The jungle was not impenetrable, but it would set a severe limit on the movements of any hostile force trying to advance through it.

Sir Robert remarked to a Japanese newspaper representative regarding Anglo-Japanese relations: "There is no reason whatever for war but I cannot guarantee peace."

Energy and Enthusiasm

The new Commander-in-Chief is a man of great personal charm and character. He answered my questions with complete frankness, never faltering or hesitating. He spoke of his new work with obvious enthusiasm and keenness for the job in hand.

The impression left on the interviewer was that of a man with an immense capacity for hard work and a habit of paying attention to the smallest details as well as the wider aspects of questions under consideration.

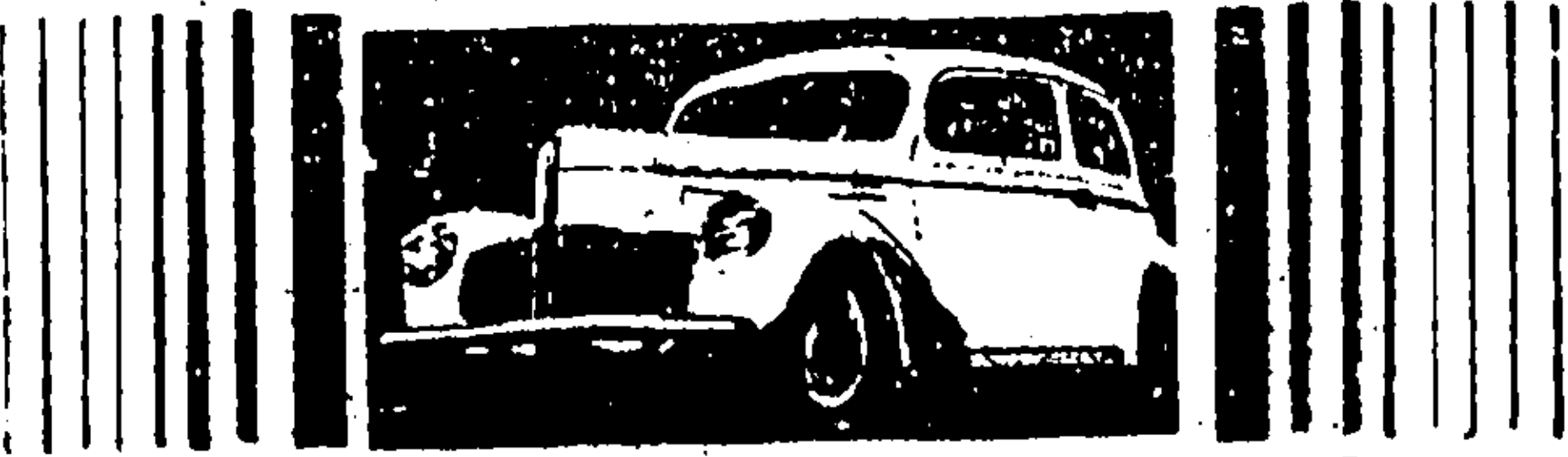
It was not difficult to understand Sir Robert's reputation as a sagacious administrator who has the ability to work easily and satisfactorily with other men and the gift of communicating to those around him something of his own energy and enthusiasm.

The Far East is fortunate to have Air Marshal Brooke-Popham as its new Commander-in-Chief, and the whole Empire may rest assured that in close collaboration with the Commander-in-Chief, China Station, Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton, the defence of British territory in the Far East is in very capable hands.

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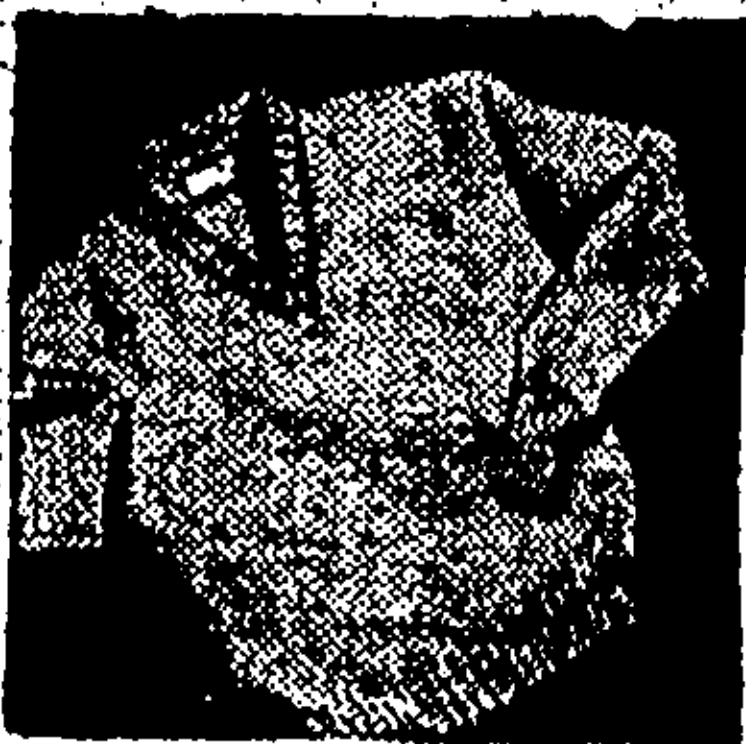
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OOMPH GIRL AND PAY STRIKER ARE IN LOVE

OOMPH GIRL Ann Sheridan, striking for more pay, found new love and may wed after a cruise on the Californian coast ends.

Ann gets £1,000 a week, but cost of living is so high in Hollywood she just can't make ends meet. Ann gave her bosses, Warner Bros., the works with all the art she possesses.

But while oomph may send the college boys and girls ga-ga—they're Ann's most enthusiastic fans—those movie magnates didn't lose any sleep.

"No dice," they said, which is the latest Americanese for "No." Ann huffed, fled on those temperamental tours so dear to the heart of glamour stars.

Warner Bros. sat tight, say they aren't interested in Ann until she returns.

"Stop the monkey business and we'll take you back," they say. Ann knows the film Tsars, believes she'll win if she holds out long enough.

Now it's not just a question of extra cash.

She Knows

There she met—quite by chance of course—George Brent.

Of course, he's a film actor, too. She's been married before. Eddie Morris, actor, was the man. Ann divorced him—but why bring that up.

From Ensenada Ann and George went for a cruise on the Californian coast.

Though Warner Bros., very big business-like say they have taken Ann off the payroll, won't take her back on her own terms, and refuse to see her until she's apologised, Ann has a trump card.

Ann, wily girl, knows that she's a gold mine to any film company so long as she isn't married.

College boys won't swoon in such large numbers if she has a husband.

Rumour has it that Ann will marry George after the cruise is over.

She's Worth It

Reality indicates otherwise. Ann, being a woman, will get her own way.

Oomph girls of Ann's calibre aren't born every day.

Since every studio is trying to snatch this streamlined gold mine, her bosses will eventually spare her a few more dimes.

They can afford that easily out of the cash they've saved on unlimited free publicity created by the quarrel.

They'll probably do the apologising.

And, anyway, remembering how Ann's oomph has thrilled you, at the flicks, she's worth it, isn't she?

"DIGGING" AT 85

Sir Flinders Petrie, one of the world's most learned Egyptologists, has just arrived in Palestine with Lady Petrie "to continue excavating."

Many people consider it odd that in times like the present there are men who can "think of nothing better than 'digging up ruins.'" Sir Flinders would reply that when one has spent a lifetime delving into past ages, the events of a particular year or two are seen in a perspective greatly different from that of the ordinary man.

In spite of his age—he is nearly 85—Sir Flinders still follows the routine he has observed since his students' days. It is to live in lonely places, dig up the past and reconstruct the way of life as it was lived four thousand years ago.

Writing In The Desert

Since 1874 he has published almost yearly a series of books on the most obscure and erudite problems of pre-classical antiquity. His fame among scholars is justly fabulous.

He was once asked how he managed without a reference library when he was writing in the desert.

With complete modesty he answered: "The most reliable library I know is my own mind."

SHELTERS LIKE A MAZE

London boroughs will have to find many more shelters now that the Government have decided they must be equipped with bunks.

Obviously not nearly so many people can be accommodated in bunk shelters as if they were standing or sitting, as originally planned.

Wandsworth has decided on a high speed policy, utilising all existing shelters under shops and factories for public use, and building reinforced concrete shelters on ground made vacant by the bombs.

Intertwining Passages

Finsbury will use the spaces under buildings demolished by enemy action, an official said.

"Every person in the borough will be provided with sleeping shelter accommodation."

"Each shelter will have many reinforced concrete partitions—experience has taught us that this lowers the number of casualties, for even in cases of direct hits, only that part of the shelter to receive the bomb and blast suffers."

The special shelters for persons suffering from contagious diseases, such as measles and heavy colds will be built on the maze system.

Intertwining passages, with people sleeping in bunks, will prevent diseases from spreading.

Both Finsbury and Wandsworth will use all serviceable bricks and

BEWARE!—THE LEAFLETS HIDE GERMAN BOMBS

If you see a balloon with a bundle of leaflets attached come down, don't go rushing to it to grab a leaflet for a souvenir, say the London newspapers.

It's the Germans' latest booby trap. If you take a leaflet, a bomb inside the package will explode and you will collect no more souvenirs.

Keep away from the balloon, and if possible leave someone on guard to keep others away while you tell the the police or military.

It's a thousand to one, anyway, that troops will have seen it and shot it down and will be hurrying to the spot.

SQUADRON BAG 113 IN MONTH

ONE R.A.F. FIGHTER SQUADRON HAS BROUGHT DOWN AT LEAST 113 ENEMY WAR PLANES IN A MONTH.

This was revealed with the announcement that its commander, Squadron Leader R. G. Kellett, has been awarded the D.S.O. He won the D.F.C. last month.

The official account of his action says that he has "built up and trained his personnel to such fine fighting pitch that 113 enemy aircraft have been destroyed in one month with few casualties to the squadron."

Squadron Leader Kellett's home is at Tadcaster, Yorks.

so on from property damaged by enemy action.

Existing shelters will be heated and ventilated and sanitation provided. There will be regular inspection by the local medical officer of health.

"SURGING SPIRIT" OF LONDON TOLD IN FILM

BY OUR FILM CORRESPONDENT

AN ELOQUENT tribute to the people of London is paid by Quentin Reynolds, London war correspondent of the American journal, Collier's Weekly, in a short film called "Britain Can Take It."

To appreciate its force one must visualise an accompaniment of children sleeping, searchlights and guns in action, a bomb bursting thunderously.

"These are not Hollywood sound effects," says Mr. Reynolds in his commentary. "This is the music they play every night in London—the symphony of war." He goes on:

"Many of the people at whom you are looking now are members of the greatest civilian army ever assembled."

Nightly Siege

"Soon the nightly battle of London will be on us. The People's Army of Volunteers is ready. They are the ones who are really fighting this war. The firemen, the air-raid wardens, the ambulance drivers."

"And here's the wall of the banister. The nightly siege of London has begun. Now the enemy's people swings into action. Bombs have started firing. The People's Army ignores the bombs and the spent shrapnel."

Morale Higher

"London does this every morning."

"To-day the morale of the people is higher than ever before. They are fused together, not by fear, but by a surging spirit of courage the like of which the world has never known."

"They know that thousands of them will die. But they would rather stand up and face death than kneel down and face the kind of existence the conqueror would impose on them."

The film was made by the G.P.O. Film Unit for the Ministry of Information.

RAID CHAOS WIDESPREAD IN REICH

CHAOS CREATED IN GERMANY BY R.A.F. RAIDS, NOW TOLD IN FULL FOR THE FIRST TIME, IS WIDESPREAD IN BERLIN AND EVERY TOWN WHERE THERE ARE MILITARY OBJECTIVES. DELAYS IN RAIL TRAVEL ARE LONG. ONE-DAY JOURNEYS NOW TAKE THREE DAYS. CANAL TRANSPORT IS SIMILARLY DISLOCATED.

Grain, oil and food ships have been hit. Fires started by the R.A.F. have burnt for hours. Neutral observers, on leaving Germany, express admiration for the accuracy of British pilots' aim.

"From these reports and others now received," it was stated in London, "it is clear that the Fuehrer, by expressing a wish that all signs of bombing should be removed as quickly as possible has set workmen a difficult task."

"It is unlikely to be carried out to his full satisfaction."

War Works Hit

In Berlin several war factories were partially wrecked.

Fire almost destroyed the General Post Office.

Some of the city's main gas works are badly damaged.

The blaze started by R.A.F. bombers in an attack on the Lehrter railway station and goods yards burned for many hours.

Damage done at the Potsdamer and Anhalter stations combined with that inflicted on other important lines of communication outside the city, seriously affected the German transport system.

One traveller setting out from Berlin for a town in the Rhineland had to spend three days instead of twelve hours.

Canals Damaged

Traffic on the Mittelland Canal was interrupted for five days after the destruction of two sluice gates.

On the Dortmund-Ems Canal the east wall immediately north of the old aqueduct has been broken; there are two fresh bomb craters on the east embankment; barges and harbour and loading installations damaged.

Damage done to the petrol and synthetic oil plants at Politz, near Stettin, has been confirmed.

On the night of October 2 a large ship fully loaded with grain received a direct hit, caught fire and was still burning two days later.

At Hamburg five ships were sunk in the harbour.

Great industrial plants over a wide area of Germany have been severely punished.

The large aluminium works at Bitterfeld, it is stated, were closed for some weeks after a heavy raid.

Observers report, too, of the value of the R.A.F.'s determined attacks on the invasion ports.

One report states that on September 16 many German troops were embarked, but were later taken off the ships.

Invasion plans were not adopted because of the sustained offensive by the R.A.F.

BOY KING INSULTED BY IRON GUARDS

TRAVELLERS FROM BUCHAREST, RUMANIA, DESCRIBED HOW THE YOUNG KING MICHAEL HAD HIS FIRST BRUSH WITH LEGIONARIES OF THE IRON GUARD, THE NAZI-INSPIRED FASCIST AND ANTI-JEWISH MOVEMENT.

While he and his mother were visiting the famous Jewish tailor's mountain town, Brasov, a legionary demanded why they were visiting a Jewish establishment.

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vement for days and seriously deteriorates." He asks the Minister to make better arrangements.

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Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Thomas Moore (C. Ayr Burghs) is to ask the Minister of Health if a person whose house has been ruined as a result of enemy action, and who sees his furniture amongst the debris, is entitled to salvage pieces.

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Taking Precautions

By The Four Aces

"Please settle an argument for us," writes a St. Louis fan. "In the trump suit of this hand, should South finesse once, twice, or not at all?"

North, Dealer		Neither side vulnerable	
♠ A Q 8 5	♥ J	♠ A Q 8 5	♥ K Q 7 6
♦ J 10 9 5	♣ A Q 10 8	♦ J 10 9 5	♣ J 8 4 3
♠ J 6 2	♥ A 10 8 4	♠ J 6 2	♥ A 10 8 4
♦ A 7 6 2	♣ 8 7	♦ A 7 6 2	♣ 8 7
♠ 10 9 7 4 3	♥ 9 5 2	♠ 10 9 7 4 3	♥ 9 5 2
♦ K	♣ K J 6 5	♦ K	♣ K J 6 5

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

"As the hand was actually played, West opened a club, and South won and immediately finessed the spade Queen. East took his King, and returned a diamond to West's Ace. West then took the Ace of hearts and exited with a club. At this point, South had to win the rest and went into a huddle about how to play the trumps. He finally put up dummy's Ace and lost the hand.

"North made a few well-chosen remarks; and South made a few sharp replies. The question now is this: North contends that South should finesse twice in trumps while South says he should finesse the Queen and then play for the drop. Both agree that the actual hand is immaterial; they are thinking only of the correct percentage play. How do you decide?"

We're happy to say that both players are wrong. The correct play is for South to win the opening club lead in the dummy and lay down the Ace of trumps! If an honour drops, South's later procedure is obvious. If only small cards drop, South returns to his hand to lead a trump towards the dummy. While this method of playing the suit will occasionally lose a trump trick that might have been saved, it will never lose two trump tricks unless that loss was absolutely inevitable. And since South can afford to lose one trump trick, he should adopt the "safety play."

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 9	♥ J 5	♦ A Q 6 5 3	♣ Q 4 3
The bidding:			
Schenken	Maler	You	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
1♠	Pass	(7)	Pass

ANSWER: Bid two no-trump. You have a possible double stopper in the unbid suit and enough general strength to warrant an attempt at game.

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Question No. 600

To-day you are Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ Q 4 2	♥ J 5	♦ A Q 8 5	♣ A 3 7 6
The bidding:			
Jacoby	Schenken	You	Maler
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
1♠	Pass	(7)	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer: 2NT.)

RAID VICTIMS WANT WINDOWS

People in different parts of the country who have had their homes bombed are complaining of unsympathetic treatment by officials.

Some of them have had no glass in their windows for six weeks. Others have even found it difficult to get extra ration tickets to replace the food lost when their house was bombed.

A correspondent on the South-East coast gives details of the official attitude.

The attitude of officials has been so cold that "you might think we'd done it on purpose," as one man put it.

"Had Your Rations?"

One family found their food supplies covered with dust and broken glass.

They wanted their breakfast. Bread they were offered by their neighbours, but they had neither tea nor butter.

The wife went to the Food Office, a mile and a half distant. She was still shaken by her experiences and faint with want of a meal.

She found the officials there. "You've had your rations" was all they could say.

A reporter in the West Country says: What the people down here want to know is when they are going to have new glass put into their windows.

In whole rows of houses people are still without windows. Where the glass was blown out they have put up wood, tarpaulins, and such like with the result that all day long their houses are in darkness.

Of course, there are some people who are having new glass put in—and a very slow process this is. I am told—but there are large numbers of working-class people who honestly cannot afford it.

Small shopkeepers who have lost expensive plate-glass windows are among the worst sufferers. They are told the Government will compensate them after the war, but that doesn't help them now.



You no longer are or the younger generation if you feel it necessary to fish for compliments.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches to-morrow will be "Christian Science."

The Golden Text will be: "The Kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened." (Matthew 13:33).

Among others the following citations will be read from the Bible: "The meek will he guide in judgment; and the meek will he teach his way. The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will show them his covenant." (Psalms 25:9, 14).

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Textbook by Mary Baker Eddy: "In the year 1886, I discovered the Christ Science or divine laws of Life, Truth and Love, and named my discovery Christian Science. For three years after my discovery, I sought the solution of this problem of Mind healing, searched the Scriptures and read little else; kept aloof from society, and devoted time and energies to discovering a positive rule.

I knew the principle of all harmonious Mind action to be God, and that cures were produced in primitive Christian healing by holy, uplifting faith; but I must know the Science of this healing, and I won my way to absolute conclusions through divine revelation, reason and demonstration." (Science and Health, Pages: 107, 109).

OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED

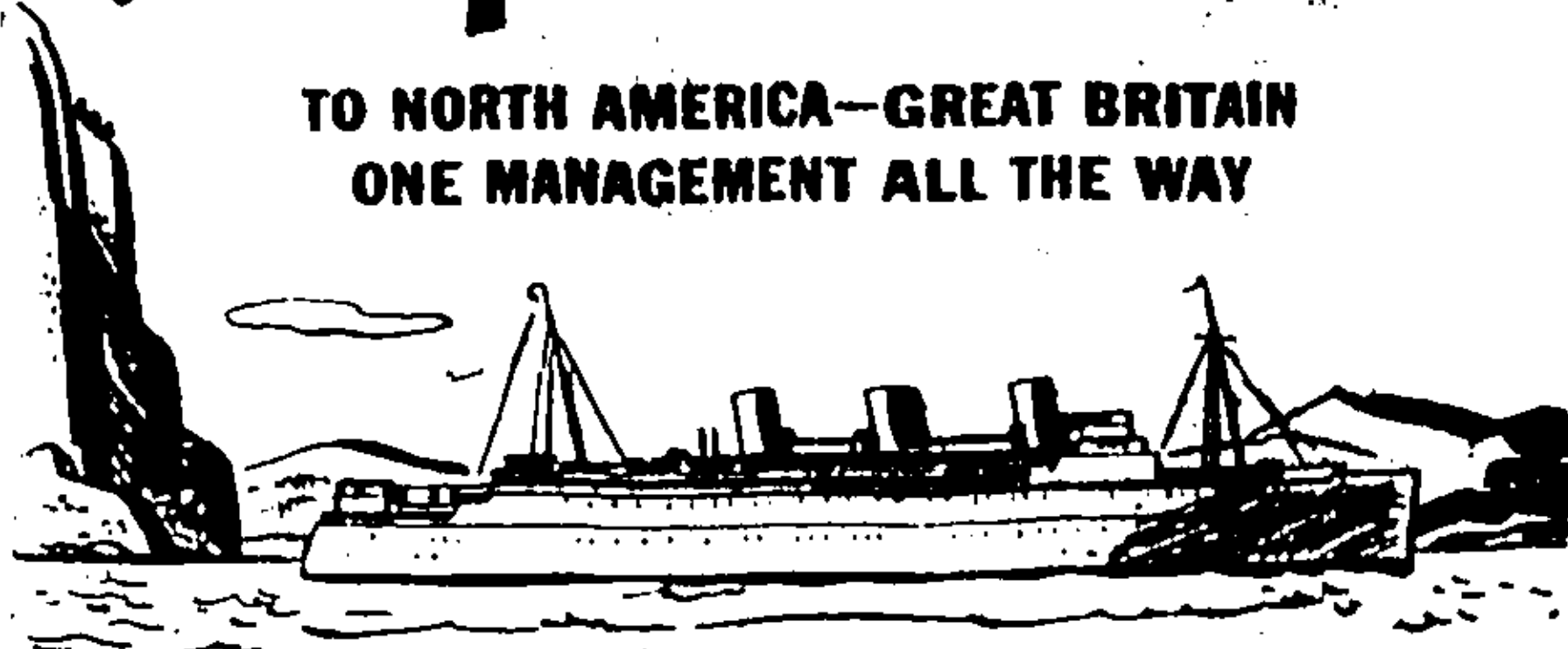


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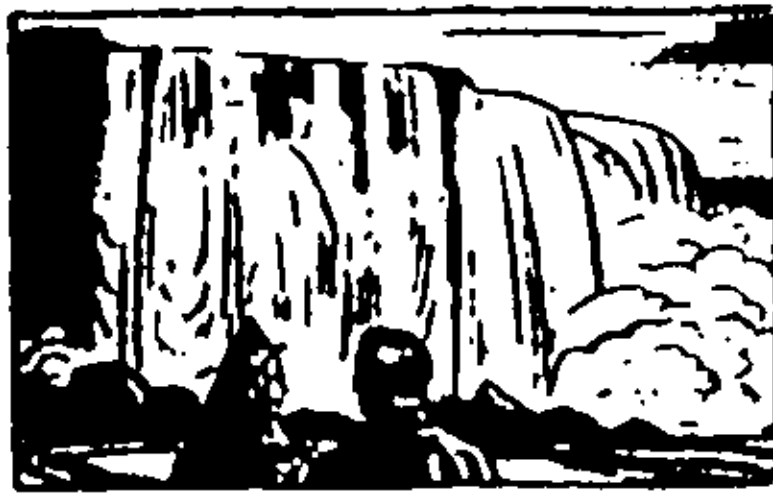


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12.45 p.m.—The Kentucky Minstrels.

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1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Maxine Sullivan in a 'Swing' Programme.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

8.22 p.m.—A Bach Programme.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 p.m.—Compositions of Eric Coates and Coleridge-Taylor.

8.03 p.m.—London Relay—Music Hall, A Variety Programme.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—Tchaikowsky—The Swan Lake—Ballet Music.

10.02 p.m.—Local Sports Results.

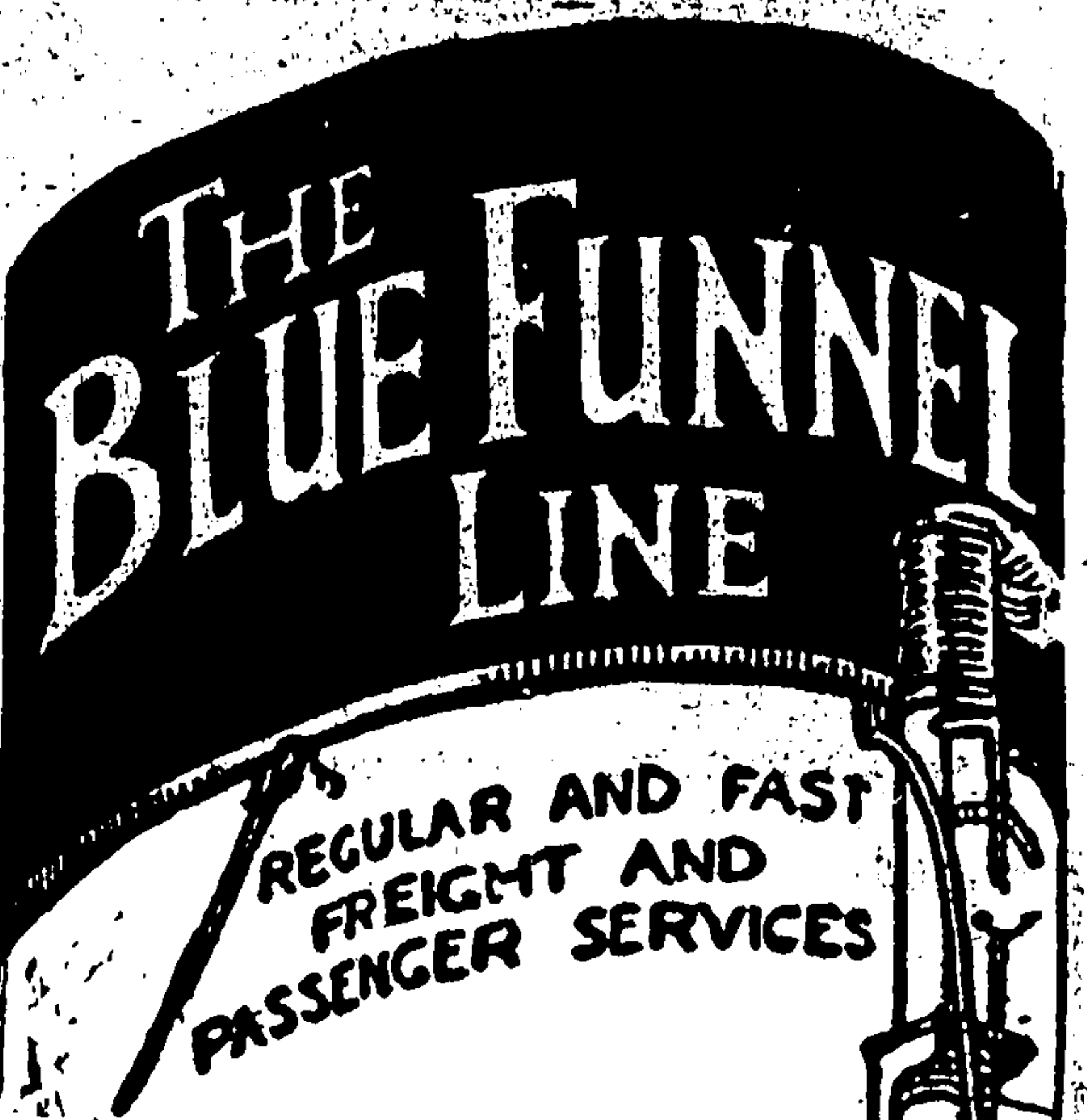
10.05 p.m.—Songs by Essie Ackland (Contralto).

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Hong Kong Baseballers To Meet St. Joseph's Another Loss For Canadians? Indians Favoured To Beat The Filipinos

By "Grandstand"

AFTER ENJOYING a lay-off for three weeks, the Hong Kong Baseballers will again be seen in action when they tangle with the League-leading St. Joseph's in the opener of the Men's Senior Softball League, scheduled for 1.30 p.m. to-morrow on the Kowloon Football Ground.

In the first round, when these two teams were pitted against each other, the Mohawks were handicapped by their strangeness to the game of softball, but have since mastered this past-time and risen to championship calibre.

Maxie Edwards, who has chucked regularly for the Waggonermen having gone up-country, the pitching assignment will go to "Screwball" Jones, with Joe "Bullet Peg" Morris receiving. To date, Jones has not proved himself to be a full-game pitcher, but three weeks is a lot of time for training.

Regular Line-Up

The Baseballers' infield will be their regular line-up of Ernie Hearther at first, Keyston Crews, third-sacker Lou Leight, with Fitch in the short-stop position. Gardeners will be Sperry in left, Sells in centre and either Rowland or Molthen in right.

The Saints will start Frankie Gonzales with Hal Winglee behind the bat. Charlie Manson, who has shown good pitching form lately, will be in reserve. Stamping around the initial station will be Stan "Powerhouse" Leonard, "Ozo" Ozorio, keeping the mid-way cushion, George "Strawberry" Souza in the windy alley, and Collegian hard-hitting cleaner-upper Dave Leonard guarding the hot-corner. In the left pastures will be Henry "Shoestring" Ali, Jindoc "Muscle Bound" Hussain in the centre, and Ski Powlawski in the right.

Umpires for this game will be Abe Liu, Herbie Quon and Tuffy Chinn.

Canadians v Cyclones

The Canadian Chinese next clash with the Cyclones at 2.45 p.m. The Canucks have still

nothing to show in the "games won" column, and it would seem that there is no limit to their slump, as even with the return of first-sacker Bill Woo, who will be calling the plays from now on, the team is not getting anywhere—or maybe they don't want to get anywhere!

Their infield of Bill Woo, Young Lee, Luke Bunn and Ross Mark is better than average, whilst they have in Herbie Quon a pitcher of great capabilities if only he would steady down.

The Cyclones are tipped to take this tilt, as they are the better fielding team, with Markar Junior, Ikeey Haroon, A. A. Rumjahn and Sherry Bux guarding the bases.

Since mentor Sunburn Omar is not taking any chances on this game, ace hurler "Kelly" Silva-Netto will be on the mound with battery-mate Skelly Razack.

"Doc" Molthen, Chuck Waggoner and Albert Leonard will be in charge of this game.

Nazarin's Pitching

The Filipinos, barely managing to stay out of the cellar, next cross bats with the Indian Softballers in the night-cap. Kassa Nazarin's classy chucking should find the Islanders easy to handle, especially as it will be backed by Romeo Hamet, R.A. "Baby" Abbas, Huckle Kitchell and Obeor Arculli in the infield.

Tatong Amper and Bob Laurel will form the battery for the Filipinos.

Arbitrators will be Hal Winglee, Ernie Hearther and Geegee Lee.

SOFTBALL PROGRAMME FOR TO-MORROW

SENIOR LEAGUE
(At Kowloon Football Ground)
St. Joseph's v H.K. Baseballers.
(1.30 p.m.)
(Abe Liu, H. Quon and Tuffy Chinn.)
Cyclones v Canadian Chinese.
(2.45 p.m.)
(Molthen, Chuck Waggoner and Albert Leonard.)
Indians v Filipinos.
(4.00 p.m.)
(Hal Winglee, Ernie Hearther and G. G. Lee.)

JUNIOR LEAGUE
(At Chatham Road, Military Football Ground)
Chung Hwa v Liga Portuguesa.
(9.00 a.m.)
(Wally Welford, Osmond and Willie Woo.)
Cosmopolitans v Royal Engineers.
(10.15 a.m.)
(P. K. Lau, P. F. Choy and Richard Chung.)
Royal Scots v R.A.F.
(11.30 a.m.)
(Pinky Higgins, Dan Oliver and Fitchhoff.)
V.R.C. v C.B.A.
(12.45 p.m.)
(Gillespie, Phillips and Tich Moulten.)

LADIES' LEAGUE
(At Kowloon Football Ground)
Little Flowers v Baby Panthers.
(9.00 a.m.)
(Hal Winglee, Nick Beltrao and Dave Walker.)
Cardinals v Wahoos.
(10.30 a.m.)
(Nick Beltrao, Johnnie Fonseca and Al Lau.)
Chung Hwa v Recreio.
(12.00 noon.)
(F. Molthen, Nip Lum and Dave Walker.)

INTER-HONG LEAGUE
(At the Marina Ground)
Texaco v Chartered Bank.
(10.00 a.m.)
(Winglee, Ablong and A. B. Hussain.)
Greenapots v Shell.
(11.15 a.m.)
(C. W. Ng, Azedo and Tony Pereira.)

"SOFTBALL" AND HOW!

By "Grandstand"

The Bomber Fund must have benefitted extensively judging from the large crowd that turned out on the Kowloon Football ground on Boxing Day for a good morning's entertainment, the Graybeards humiliating the Tenderfeet by 17-14, in a "classic" softball tilt.

Doc "bonesetter" Molthen proved he was no slouch as he toiled on the slab for the veterans, and in spite of Frost's oversized mitt, which almost shaded the whole park from the sun, the young 'uns were unable to stem the score.

Grandma Hutchinson pinched-hit for "Guinea Gold" Ogden in the third.

In the other rib-tickler, the team selected from the Ladies League took the Kowloon Kops for a buggy ride. If figures mean anything, the game ended with the keepers of the law at the short end of the 18-7 score.

The highlight of the game was hurler "Baby" (That's Me) Penfold's witticism which kept the crowd howling for five minutes, whilst the Manning-Taylor combination of antics never failed to provoke laughter from the spectators.

Whilst the Kops periodically took bottled food, the fairer sex, quenched their thirst with "Orange," supplied free, gratis, and for nix by the Central Meat and Dairy Supply Co. in the role of Santa Claus.

Duggie Taylor disapproved the saying that policemen were flak-footed as he tore around the bases to score on an infield error.

Betty Fitzgerald, of the Cardinals, called both games from behind the plate.

WAHOOS EXPECTED TO WIN RETURN MATCH WITH CARDINALS

By "Grandstand"

THE MOST INTERESTING TILT ON THE LADIES' THREE-GAME SCHEDULE WILL BE THE CARDINALS-WAHOOS CLASH SATED FOR 10.30 A.M.

In their first encounter, the Redbirds mowed down the Wahoos by the convincing score of 7-2, but the odds are against them repeating this performance, since the Green-shirted Owls have been considerably strengthened by the addition of Therese Neronha, who should be able to hold down the Cards, on the mound.

As usual, Jackie Anderson will be hindsnatching, with an infield line-up of first-sacker Yvonne "Hit-and-run" Yolle, Socorro "Sese" Castro at second, Ida "Sweet as apple-cider" Castro at third, and Irene Castilho at short-stop. Relief hurler Jeannette "Blondie" Yolle will be cut in left field, with Beebun "Bunny" Abbas and Coro Yolle at centre and right.

Best Girl Pitcher

Redbird hurler, Egegina Babida, probably the best pitcher in the ladies' loop, with the addition of Kitty Bush and Grandma Hutchinson in the infield, should give the Wahoos a good fight.

Coach Dave "I hope so" Walker's line-up has not yet been decided upon but will probably be Kitty Bush at first, Gilly Moffa at second, Betty Fitzgerald at short, and Gladys "Grandma" Hutchinson at third, with rookie Pat Jorge in the left field.

The other positions in the outfield will be a toss up between Betty Clarke, Linda Fernandes and Natty Faladonna. Arbitrators will be Nick Beltrao, Johnnie Fonseca and Al Lau.

Another Track Meet

At 9 a.m. the Baby Panthers meet the Little Flowers in another of those track-meet affairs. Lelia Xavier will be pitching for the Pantherettes, whilst the Florinha battery will be Lily Silva and Hilda Antonio.

Hal Winglee, Nick Beltrao and Dave Walker have been selected to umpire this game.

At noon, the Recreio Ramblettes should be able to account for the Chung Hwa lassies, who are still in the role of League door-mat. Jerry Jorge and Melvie Campos will form the Ramblette battery, whilst Ella "Never say die" Chinn will be tossing for the Chung Hwa squad.

"Doc" Molthen, Nip Lum and Dave Walker have been assigned umpire duties for this fray.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

By "Grandstand"

Four games are scheduled for the Junior League, of which the Chung Hwa-Liga curtain raiser, at 9 a.m. should be the only exciting tilt. The former are given the slight edge in winning this game to retain their 1,000 League standing.

At 10.15 the Cosmopolitan Club take on the tail-ending Royal Engineers, followed by the Royal Scot-Royal Air Force truces at 11.30 a.m.

In the night-cap, the strong V.R.C. squad meet the Central Britshers.

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added another goal to the Middles, total, thus bringing the score to three.

SCOTLAND caused a surprise on Christmas day by defeating the Combined Chinese by six goals to five.

The Scotland team consisted of nine Royal Scots players, who if they play as well as aimed as they did on that occasion, will give Eastern something to worry about to-day at Sookunpoo.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

AT Sookunpoo on Tuesday Engineers beat the Royal Air Force by 59 runs in a friendly match. Engineers

Cricket totalled 129, Tropp scoring 23, Bailey 19, Shaw 26, Denyer 25, and Taylor 12 not out.

Air Force replied with 74, Smith 20, Richardson 12, Palling 12, and Stimson 11.

Tropp did exceedingly well with his bowling and took 8 for 30, while Hawkins of the Air Force took 6 for 34.

IN the Small Units Rugby League, 8th Hvy. Regt., R.A. proved too good for Service Corps at Sookunpoo on Tuesday.

Rugby and defeated them by 42 points to nil.

The Gunners' three-quarter line, consisting of Captain P. J. Skipwith, L/Bdr. Richards, Capt. Lomax and L/Sgt. Marsh, were very fast and they were well backed by Capt. G. W. Hook, who played a sterling game at scrum-half, and scored at will.

Service Corps were badly let down by their backs, who handled the ball poorly and were all over the place.

James played great Rugby for the losers and was the only player who appeared to have any idea of the game.

THE draw for the undermentioned competition and dates by which rounds are to be completed are as follows:—

Hockey

SMALL UNITS HOCKEY KNOCKOUT 1940-41

1st Round

"C" Coy., Royal Scots v 30th Hvy. Bty., R.A.

R.A.M.C. & I.M.D. v R.A.F.

20th Hvy. Bty., R.A. v 3rd Med. Bty., H.K.S.R.A.

35th (M) C.D. Bty., R.A. v "A" Coy., Royal Scots.

"C" Coy., Middlesex v H.Q. Bty., H.K.S.R.A.

7th A.A. Bty., R.A. v Hong Kong Signal H.K.S.R.A.

Coy.

40th (F) Coy., R.E. v 17th A.A. Bty., R.A.

12th Hvy. Bty., R.A. v 4th Med. Bty., H.K.S.R.A.

"D" Coy., Royal Scots v R.A.O.C. & R.A.P.C.

22nd Coy., R.E. v R.A.S.C.

1st Mtn. Bty., H.K.S.R.A. v H.Q. Coy., Royal Scots.

"D" Coy., Middlesex v 36th R.A.

18th A.A. Bty., R.A. v "A" Coy., Middlesex.

"B" Coy., Royal Scots v 2nd Mtn. Bty., R.A.

"B" Coy., Middlesex v 24th Hvy. Bty., R.A.

H.Q. Coy., Middlesex bye into 2nd Round.

1st Round to be played off by Wednesday, January 8th, 1941.

2nd Round to be played off by Sunday, January 13th, 1941.

3rd Round to be played off by Wednesday, January 23rd, 1941.

In the Large Units Hockey League, Middlesex beat the Combined Small Units at Shamshu'po on Tuesday by three clear goals, after being two goals up at the interval.

In the first half Bright played a fine game and scored two goals. He was well backed up by his other forwards, who were constantly giving the Small Units plenty to think about.

Combined Small Units were never dangerous, and for most of the game were pinned in their own half. L/Cpl. Dave playing a hard game throughout for them saved several apparently certain goals.

Early in the second half Bright (continued at top of page 15)



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Storm Havoc In Rumania

A great storm along the Black Sea coast has caused extensive damage, according to a Havas agency despatch from Bucharest yesterday.

Several ships have not been able to discharge cargoes at Constantza. The Lower Danube is completely frozen over, traffic on the river between Giurgiu, in Rumania, and Kusiua, in Bulgaria, has been interrupted.

Rail traffic between Sofia and Bucharest has been forced to make a detour.—Reuter.

SWISS GOVT. ACCUSED

THE SWISS GOVERNMENT WAS ACCUSED OF INSPIRING AN ANTI-BRITISH PRESS CAMPAIGN BY THE ZURICH NEWSPAPER "VOLKSRECHT" YESTERDAY.

Discussing the recent bombing of Swiss towns by foreign planes, the "Volksrecht" says the Government has taken a prejudiced view without waiting for a British reply to the Swiss protest.

The paper also says the Swiss Government has not yet brought any convincing proof that the planes were English.—Reuter.

Part Of The Nazi War Of Nerves

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

MANY RUMOURS which flow in almost daily about large German troop movements in the Balkans, in Italy and elsewhere are likely to be part of the German propaganda machine.

It is believed the Germans are taking advantage of the fact that while there is no really clear-cut policy for them to circulate in Europe, rumours such as these from the United States could be very useful to them and harmful to the British cause.

In the case of reports of troop concentrations in Rumania, the Germans have fastened on to an announcement by the Hungarian railway authorities that traffic was to be curtailed from December 28.

It is clear that if the Germans were moving large numbers through Hungary there would have to be curtailments of traffic. But because there is a curtailment of traffic does not necessarily mean a movement of troops.

Nazi Motives

It is far more likely that a shortage of fuel is the real reason.

One does not have to look far to see the German motives in spreading rumours of troops concentrations.

Rumours play on the nerves of the Balkan States. They could also cause the British public to think that Hitler's next move was to be in the Balkans, which might induce them to relax their watchfulness.

The German troops in Rumania do not, in fact, appear to have been extensively used lately and the number actually in the country is far short of the hundreds of thousands rumoured.—Reuter.

R.A.F. MAKES A MISTAKE

A telegram to the Swedish Foreign Ministry from the Swedish Legation in London states that a minute inquiry by the competent British authorities gave reason to suppose that a British plane was responsible for bombs dropped off Hel-sing on October 29.

The British Government, added the telegram, has expressed its regrets at this involuntary violation of neutrality, stressing that all possible steps have been taken to prevent a repetition.

Britain has also promised compensation for damage caused.—Reuter.

R.A.F. RAIDS IN ALBANIA

WAREHOUSES, BUILDINGS AND RAILWAY LINES AT PRIONCO, SOUTH OF VALONA, WERE BOMBED BY THE R.A.F. ON THURSDAY. R.A.F. HEAD-QUARTERS IN GREECE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY.

All bombs fell in the target area.

Nine enemy fighters intercepted the British formation and a 10-minute engagement resulted.

From all operations all British aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Dates of the next Volunteer Training Camps in February and March were announced in the "Gazette" this morning as follows:—

1st Battery, 4th Battery and 5th A.A. Battery, from Thursday, 6th February, to Thursday, 13th February.

2nd Battery, 3rd Battery and No. 6 Company, from Friday, 14th February, to Friday, 21st February.

Field Company, Engineers, Corps Signals, Mobile Column, No. 2 Company and No. 3 Company, from Thursday, 27th February, to Thursday, 6th March.

No. 1 Company, No. 4 Company, No. 5 Company and No. 7 Company, from Friday, 7th March, to Friday, 14th March.

The movement of rice to the New Territories from Hong Kong or Kowloon or New Kowloon, except by licence, is prohibited under an Order issued by the Controller of Trade this morning.

An Order by the Controller of Trade, prohibiting the export from the Colony, except by licence of diamonds, was Gazetted this morning.

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